

CLEAN COPY OF CLAIM 1

1. (Twice Amended) A detergent composition comprising an aluminosilicate builder and an anionic surfactant and comprising (n) components (i), n being at least 2, whereby the level of aluminosilicate builder in said components together is at least 5% by weight of the composition and the level of the anionic surfactant in said components together is at least 5% by weight of the composition, and whereby the degree of mixture (M) of the anionic surfactant and the aluminosilicate builder is from 0 to 0.7, M being

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(\sigma_i \cdot \zeta_i)}$$

σ is the fraction of the anionic surfactant of the composition comprised in component (i);

ζ is the fraction of the aluminosilicate of the composition comprised in component (i) and wherein said aluminosilicate builder is in crystalline form and wherein said composition is phosphate-free and free of additional silicate.

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SUMMARY

This is responsive to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 dated February 4, 2003. It appears that Applicants December 23, 2002 Office Action Response inadvertently left out the markings to show the changes made to amended Claim 1. Applicants appreciate the Examiner providing Applicants with this opportunity to correct oversight. Applicants are also submitting herewith another copy of the December 23, 2002 Office Action Response for the Examiner's convenience. In light of Applicants' comments and the amendment to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112§, §102, and §103 and allow the claims in the instant application. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,
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